

Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A housing defining a volume, said housing having an interior wall and a three dimensional structure comprising a plurality of sorptive particles entrapped in a porous, precipitated, inert polymer matrix, said structure being self-retaining in said housing and adhered to at least a portion of said interior wall.

2. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein said housing has a first open end and a second open end spaced from said first open end, and wherein said three dimensional structure is contiguous with said second open end.

3. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein said housing has an aspect ratio of less than about 10.

4. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein said structure is liquid permeable.

5. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein said housing is a pipette tip having a first end and a second end spaced from said first end with said structure in between.

6. (Original) The housing of claim 5, wherein said first end has an internal diameter larger than the internal diameter of said second end.

7. (Original) The housing of claim 5, wherein said polymer

is selected from the group consisting of polysulfone, polyethersulfone, polytetrafluoroethylene, cellulose acetate, polystyrene, polystyrene/acrylonitrile copolymer and PVDF.

8. (Original) The housing of claim 5, wherein said polymer is polysulfone, and wherein said housing comprises a polyolefin.

9. (Original) The housing of claim 8, wherein said polyolefin is polypropylene.

10. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein said particles are selected from the group consisting of polystyrenedivinylbenzene beads, functionalized polystyrenedivinylbenzene beads, silica, fumed silica, derivitized silica and activated carbon.

11. (Currently amended) A housing defining a volume, said housing having an interior wall and a three dimensional structure comprising a porous, precipitated, inert polymer matrix, said structure being self-retaining in said housing and adhered to at least a portion of said interior wall.

12. (Original) The housing of claim 11, wherein said housing has a first open end and a second open end spaced from said first open end, and wherein said structure is contiguous with said second open end.

13. (Original) The housing of claim 11, wherein said structure has an aspect ratio of less than about 10.

14. (Original) The housing of claim 11, wherein said structure is liquid permeable.

15. (Original) The housing of claim 11, wherein said housing is a pipette tip having a first end and a second end spaced from said first end with said structure in between.

16. (Original) The housing of claim 16, wherein said polymer is polysulfone, and wherein said housing comprises a polyolefin.